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Intended to be a practical guide to the issues that arise under the First Amendment for libraries that provide public access to the Internet, this book contains the following chapters: (1) "Questions and Answers about the First Amendment: Sex, Lies, and Cyberspace"; (2) "Basic First Amendment Principles and Their Application to Libraries"; (3) "The Sexual Conundrum"; (4) "The Right To Offend"; (5) "Religious Motivations and Library Use"; (6) "Just between You and Your Librarian--Library Confidentiality Laws"; (7) "Workplace Issues: Employee Free Speech and Harassment"; (8) "Children, Schools, and the First Amendment"; and (9) "Cyberspace--The Last Frontier." Appendices include: The "Library Bill of Rights" and its interpretations; guidelines for the development and implementation of policies, regulations, and procedures affecting access to library materials, services, and facilities; guidelines and considerations for developing a public library Internet use policy; dealing with concerns about library resources; conducting a challenge hearing; policy on confidentiality of library records; and policy concerning confidentiality of personally identifiable information about library users. Includes a glossary and an index. (MES)

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